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## **HB20-1094**

**SHOT TITLE:** Repeal Fee Cap On-site Wastewater Treatment System

**LONG TITLE:** Concerning a repeal of the dollar limitation on the fee that a local board of health may set for on-site wastewater treatment system permits.

**SPONSORS:** Reps. Catlin and Arndt/Sens. Ginal and Coram

**COMMITTEES:** House Rural Affairs & Agriculture Committee

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** To allow local health departments to increase fees for on site wastewater treatment facilities beyond the current statutory limit in order to fully recover costs.

**PROponents OF THE BILL:** Colorado Counties, Inc., Local health departments

**POTENTIAL STAKEHOLDERS:** Facilities that include on site wastewater treatment, potential mobile home parks, industrial facilities, cattle feeding operations?

**BACKGROUND:** Certain facilities may undertake on site treatment if they are not connected to a municipal or regional wastewater treatment provider. These must be permitted and inspected by local boards of health. Current statute allows only direct and indirect costs to be included in the fee charged the applicant and includes a maximum fee of \$1000 which may be insufficient to cover the costs. This request reportedly came from Larimer County commissioners.

**Is the bill necessary this year?** There does not appear to be a deadline.

**How does the bill change current law?** It raises the statutory maximum.

**How is the bill implemented?** It repeals the maximum cap on the fee.

**Does the bill affect prior appropriation?** No

**Practical consideration:**

**Fiscal impact:** None to the state